1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
19	Nagaland	29	6	7	3	33	0	May
20	Orissa	0	0	0	0	0	0	N.A
21	Punjab	382	208	429	16	60	71	Jun
22	Rajasthan	610	683	1226	52	391	265	Jun
23	Sikkim	1	4	6	0	6	0	May
24	Tamil Nadu	717	232	503	36	217	75	May
25	Tripura	67	85	54	7	32	18	Jun
26	Uttar Pradesh	2893	635	1835	106	874	857	May
27	Uttarakhand	100	36	122	18	68	31	Jun
28	West Bengal	893	1100	1639	61	420	304	May
	TOTAL (STATES):	13750	8212	12087	1666	7474	3292	
29	A and N Islands	5	1	6	3	4	1	Jun
30	Chandigarh	10	4	18	0	12	0	Jun
31	D and N Haveli	4	1	5	0	1	0	Mar
32	Daman and Diu	2	0	0	0	1	1	Jul
33	Delhi	201	259	928	15	256	74	Jun
34	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	0	May
35	Pondicherry	20	5	9	1	5	1	Jun
	TOTAL (UTs):	242	270	966	19	279	77	
	TOTAL: (ALL INDIA)	13992	8482	13053	1685	7753	3369	

Source - Monthly Crime Statistics
Note - Figures are provisional
N.A. - Not Available

Alternative means to start peace talks with ULFA

1772. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has declined to continue the intermediary peace initiative, initiated by renowned writer Jnanpith Award winner Dr. Indira Goswamy for peaceful settlement with ULFA;

(b) if so, whether Government will have alternative means and ways to restart the peace process;

(c) whether it is also a fact that other insurgent groups like National Democratic Front of Bodoland have passed two years of ceasefire but no discussion has been held to settle their issues; and

(d) if so, when is the formal discussion likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) Dr. Indira Goswami had earlier taken the initiative for talks with United Liberation Front of Asom (ULFA). After three rounds of talks with Peoples' Consultative Group (PCG), which was set up by ULFA, Government had declared unilateral Suspension of Operations (SoO) by Army against ULFA from 13.8.2006 to 20.9.2006 with a view to create a conducive atmosphere for holding of peace talks. There was no direct response from ULFA and some inputs were received of regrouping, new raising, violence, collection of weapons/explosives and extortion by ULFA cadres. As a result, Counter Insurgency operations against ULFA were resumed.

Dr. Indira Goswami in the capacity of President Nagrik Shanti Manch (NSM) recently presented a memorandum for resumption of peace talks between Centre/ State Government and ULFA. Dr. Indira Goswami has been, *inter alia*, informed that the Government would await a formal communication from top ULFA leaders indicating their willingness to enter into negotiations without any pre-conditions. Response is yet to be received from ULFA leaders.

(c) and (d) Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement is in force with National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) since 1.6.2005. The NDFB has been repeatedly requested to submit its Charter of Demands so that discussions could be initiated but they have not submitted its Charter of Demands so far. It is, therefore, premature to indicate the time frame for formal talks with NDFB.

Persons killed/injured by blueline buses in Delhi

1773. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of blue line private buses which were plying in Delhi as on 1st July, 2007, number out of them which were more than eight years old;

(b) whether a large number of these buses were not road worthy but were plying only by bribing officials and large number of complaints against them went un-heeded;

(c) the number of persons killed and seriously injured by these buses during 2005-06 and 2007, so far;

(d) whether any ex-gratia payment is made in such cases;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken against concerned owners/crew?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) A total of 3871 Blue Line Stage Carriage permits were valid as on 1.7.2007 out of which buses more than eight years old are 441.

(b) No, Sir.